Performance of L.W.O. in A.P. during the period of April-September, 2002 is as under:

Scheme	Number	Amount Spent
Death cases settled under Group Insurance Scheme	32	Rs. 1,17,000/-
Patient treated in dispensaries	305381	Rs. 27,46,728/-
Domiciliary Treatment of TB	41	Rs. 2, 04,741/-
Treatment of Cancer	6	Rs. 1,59,885/-
Maternity benefit	9	Rs. 4,500/-
Financial assistance for education	22365	Rs. 83,75,161/-
Administrative approval for construction of individual hours	295	Rs. 29,00,000/- (sanctioned)

Agitation by trade unions

1734. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade unions like AITUC, CITU and INTUC in a joint statement have blamed Government for not undertaking a thorough "appraisal of the economic policy" and also against its "globalisation policy and retrograde reforms";

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have threatened to launch a nation-wide *satyagraha* and *jail bharo* stir on the 8th January, 2003 followed by march to Parliament on the 26th February during the next Budget Session; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to avoid this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has seen newspaper reports regarding the proposed agitation by the trade unions on January 8 and February 26, 2003. The trade unions have time and again raised the issue of adverse impact of economic reforms on labour. Review/updation of labour laws is an ongoing process for bringing them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy. The Government has already initiated the process of tripartite consultation and there is a continuing interaction

with the social partners to bring about a consensus especially on the implementation of the recommendations of the Second National Commission on Labour.

Legislation for unorganised workers

1735. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to formulate a legislation to regulate conditions of service for the workers in the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether the workers in the unorganised sector are deprived of their rights and also neglected completely; and

(d) if so, to what extent the proposed legislation is going to protect their rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) The Government propose to formulate a legislation for the unorganised workers to ensure their minimum protection and welfare. Though Government has taken up several initiatives through legislation, creation of funds, welfare and poverty alleviation schemes, awareness generation programmes etc. the proposed legislation is expected to provide welfare measures and protect the rights of the unorganised workers to a great extent.

Child labourers

1736. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country;

(b) the various child labour abolition programmes undertaken by Government at present;

(c) whether Government propose to bring amendment in the Child Labour Prohibition of Regulation Act, 1986 to make it more purposeful; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?